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## Senior Leaders

### Obama recognizes ‘giants’



“As we mark National African American History Month, we celebrate giants of the civil rights movement and countless other men and women whose names are etched in the hearts of their loved ones and the cornerstones of the country they helped to change.”

– Barack Obama

President of the United States  
Jan. 30, 2015, Washington

## On Point

### Enabling, empowering leaders

Ready and Resilient enables and empowers commands and unit leaders to take care of Soldiers, Army civilians and their families. Commands and Army leaders must be able to identify risks and support the overall personal and professional growth of those in their organizations. They must foster an environment based on Army values where individuals treat themselves and others with dignity and respect, build trust, encourage help-seeking behaviors and enable their teams to recognize warning signs and become interveners instead of bystanders. A Ready and Resilient force is optimized and able to thrive in uncertain and complex environments.



### Army Network Campaign Plan

The Army Network Campaign Plan (ANCP) supports mission readiness by providing the vision and direction that set conditions for and lays a path to the network of 2020 and beyond.

## NTC pilot rotation seeks savings; extends training window



A Soldier from the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, exits a Stryker Combat Vehicle during Decisive Action Rotation 15-03, at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., Jan. 18, 2015. (U.S. Army photo courtesy 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team)

By David Vergun, Army News Service

WASHINGTON (Feb. 4, 2015) – The 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, from Fort Wainwright, Alaska, received a bonus when they deployed to the NTC last month: four extra training days.

The usual rotation is 14 days, said Maj. Rob Ensslin, spokesman for NTC’s Operations Group. The team instead received a total of 18 days in the training environment, as part of a pilot effort to determine cost savings and training advantages.

Should changes come, NTC expects to have nine brigade rotations a year, rather than the current 10, to allow for the extended stay, Ensslin said.

Cost was one of the main factors for doing the pilot, Ensslin said, explaining that it costs a lot to move Soldiers and their equipment to NTC from home station and then back again.

As part of the pilot effort, the number of mock battles was increased from three to five, provid-

ing more training scenarios for 1st Stryker Soldiers.

Also, over the last two years, NTC has become more efficient at getting rotating brigades involved earlier in training when they arrive and at minimizing set-up time.

Finally, there is a move to include more “decisive action” scenarios in training, as well as more counterinsurgency-type scenarios.

Lt. Col. Mick Braun, deputy commanding officer, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, said he noticed the change to more force-on-force training.

The last time he attended training at NTC, Braun said his brigade was preparing to deploy to Afghanistan. Then, there had been a heavy emphasis on living out of a forward operating base, protecting a forward operating base and interacting with locals and learning their customs and culture.

Now, Braun said, there’s a greater emphasis on decisive action.

## FORSCOM in the news

A senior leader from FORSCOM was **recognized for outstanding performance** during the 10th annual “Stars and Stripes” recognition dinner.



Veterans were **honored at a ceremony** held in the U.S. Army Reserve Command headquarters, marking the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam war.



Stryker combat vehicles from 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, get **the Army’s newest tactical communications network**.



DoD agencies recently visited 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, to gather information to **help shape future Army deployments**.



Leaders from the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade took part in the **Falcon Leadership Stakes** at several different locations on Fort Stewart, Ga. last month.



## Public Affairs units in action



**7th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment** - Spc. Daniel Huntley (right), controls the fire hose while Pfc. Samantha Van Leer, braces him during a simulated fire drill aboard Landing Craft-Utility “Corinth” at Kuwait Naval Base, Jan. 24, 2015. Both Soldiers are assigned to the 97th Transportation Company (Heavy Boat), 10th Transportation Battalion, 7th Transportation Brigade (Expeditionary). (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Gene Arnold)

# TOP SHOTS

Here are the best photos from FORSCOM Public Affairs professionals world-wide. For more photos and information, click these photos or visit [army.mil/forscom](http://army.mil/forscom)



**Right** Pfc. Carla Santiago, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, performs a drill with her assigned weapon during "Saber Challenge" on Fort Hood, Texas, Jan. 22, 2015. Saber Challenge consisted of a 10-mile road march with six challenge stations along the route. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson)



**Left** Artillery Soldiers assigned to 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, ready a M119A3 howitzer during a Brigade Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise to Fort Stewart, Ga., Jan. 28, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Eliverto V. Larios)



**Above** Spc. Andrew Morales (left), a medic with 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, checks a simulated casualty for wounds during training at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., Jan. 26, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Justin Naylor)



**Above** Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, secure an observation point during a live-fire exercise, on Fort Carson, Colo., Jan. 22, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. William Howard)

**Left** Spc. Bruno S. Esteveao, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, handles an AK-47 rifle, Jan. 22, 2015, during a class at the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School on Fort Bragg, N.C. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Mary S. Katzenberger)



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